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Canoe route rules:

Funding allows Frost Centre group to better protect environment

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Editor

Canoeists who pull ashore at a campsite in the Frost Centre this summer may find there are more rules but the campsites will be cleaner and less likely to be sources of pollution.

With a grant from provincial government and a land use permit from Algonquin Highlands, the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee is embarking on a two-year project to manage the dozens of campsites at the province's 24,000-hectare property south of Dorset.

The first step was to hire Mark Coleman as the project co-ordinator to oversee how the \$200,000 from Ontario Living Legacy is spent. The committee received \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 and \$150,000 for the next fiscal year. On Thursday, Algonquin Highlands council gave it the authority it needs to spend the money. The land use permit agreement will be forwarded to the municipality as soon as possible, the last piece of red tape needed.

Although canoeists will continue to be able to use the campsites for free, and not have to reserve spaces, they will have to comply with new rules about how many campers are allowed per site as posted on new signs.

For its part, the committee will improve the existing rudimenta-

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Winter warmth

Dakota Harris-Saxby, a John D. Hodgson Elementary School student, smiles, barely noticing the frigid weather as she slides down a playground set during the lunch hour recess. Friends Victoria Snow and Jasmin Purnell ready themselves to take a ride down the slide. The entire province has been gripped in the throngs of a cold weather snap for the last month.

Waterfront property demand heats up real estate market

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A shortage of property on the Haliburton market means real estate agents have more buyers than sellers.

John Parish, a Bowes and Cocks agent, says 2002 was one of the best years in his memory for sales and activity in the Highlands. He says they are running into a shortage of "product" though and not just waterfront either.

"It's still manageable right now but it could become a problem," says Parish.

Linda Baumgartner, Re/Max agent and incoming president of the Ontario Real Estate Association, says it has been a high-dollar volume of sales and a very prosperous year. She expects the real estate market will remain healthy for 2003 as well but is predicting prices will not continue to rise in the Highlands as they have been.

She has noticed the expected demand for residential and cottage waterfront properties but noticed in 2002 a new demand for acreages as well. She has also noticed buyers coming from a bit farther south than the usual number from the Greater Toronto Area with quite a few expressing interest from the Hamilton area.

"Percentage wise we're seeing baby boomers the most but it's the last leg of the boomers. We are working with mid-30-year-olds who are looking at future retirement properties. They're buying run down cottages, with

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Award-winning photographer and outdoor guide Rob Stimpson will introduce you to the wonders of a northern canoe trip at the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough on Thursday, January 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.. The cost is \$25 per person. Have a bite to eat and enjoy a glass of wine while you take a visual journey that explores the beginnings of canoe tripping in the Algonquin area before travelling to the Arctic. Call 705-748-9153 for details.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Global appeal

Global television personalities such as Graham Richardson were spotted at Sir Sam's Ski Area on the weekend as part of an annual outing. Richardson, seen on the quad-chairlift, is a host of a political television show, Focus Ontario.

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Restaurants already butting out

Kosy Korner and Village Donuts join list of smoke-free establishments as health unit pushes for county ban

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Businesses are butting out in Haliburton in increasing numbers with Village Donuts and the Kosy Korner Restaurant joining the ranks this January.

"Because of the health issues with second hand smoke, we said we'd go smoke free. There is a big difference in the air quality and a lot of people comment on it when they haven't been here in awhile," says Christalyn Fallis, a waitress at the Kosy.

Yolanda Barton, co-owner of Village Donuts, says making the change is a "sign of the times."

"Since making the change we've heard a lot more on the positive side. Every day someone says thank you. We didn't want to be the only place left in Haliburton where you could smoke," says Barton.

Dysart et al council has also recognized the health implications of smoking and the associated cost to the taxpayer. That is why councillors recently supported a motion by the Town of Tecumseh to lobby the province of Ontario to enact legislation prohibiting smoking in all public places and workplaces "to protect the health of all residents from the hazards of second hand smoke, its impairment and adverse affects; and to provide an equal application of such regulations on businesses across the province."

Councillor Jerry Walker and Reeve Murray Fearrey voiced their opinions for the motion. Walker says more and more businesses are taking on a no-smoking policy anyway. Fearrey commented that if it costs billions of dollars in health care now, then it is worth legislating because the cost savings in health care would equal the loss in tobacco taxes.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis says he supports the motion so long as the health unit is responsible for the enforcement and not the municipality.

Councillor Leon Jones argued the that town of Haliburton was coming along



Patrons have reacted positively to Kosy Korner's decision not to allow patrons to smoke. On January 1, it became one of a growing list of establishments to impose such a policy. The health unit wants to make sure the entire county joins the crusade and this week asks for the public's support in lobbying politicians.

well without a specific policy, with a balance between those allowing smoking and those who do not. Anne-Marie Cyr would argue that, yes, the village is coming along but not far or fast enough and she would like to see the municipalities enact their own bylaws instead of waiting for the province to take action.

Cyr is a public health nurse with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The health unit is currently in the midst of promoting National Non-Smoking Week from January 19 to 25. During the week, Cyr says, they will be recognizing and promoting smoke-free businesses by presenting framed certi-

icates from the health unit.

"Public momentum is building. The recent case where Worker's Compensation was awarded to a waitress because she got cancer from second-hand smoke showed legally that second-hand smoke is a workplace environment hazard," says Cyr. "Things have really changed. When I started working as a nurse people used to smoke in hospital rooms and now people are shocked by that. Smoking is a part of culture but we've come so far to protect non-smokers' rights."

Cyr says her "heart goes out to smokers" because it is a powerful addiction

and smokers see cigarettes as their best friends. Sometimes, she says, it is like a grieving process when they try to quit smoking. She says the health unit has information to help people and a new Smoke Free Living Program to help people through the quitting process.

For those non-smokers interested in where they can enjoy a meal or stay in a lodge or resort that is smoke-free, the health unit also has a list of establishments in Haliburton County that are smoke-free.

For more information from the health unit call 457-1391.

Rails End Gallery to go ahead with smaller project

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Rails End Gallery will be preserved and moved to a better location, or at least that is the hope as Dysart et al submits a new SuperBuild proposal.

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts began the process over two years ago with a feasibility study and then went through a lengthy SuperBuild application process with Dysart as the lead agency. The original proposal was to move the gallery off York Street into Head Lake Park and create public washrooms, a welcome centre and more office and storage space for the gallery.

That application for a \$500,000 was approved by SuperBuild, requiring about half of that to be raised locally through the municipality, gallery and

through in-kind donations or work from partners. Reeve Murray Fearrey says it was no longer feasible in the economics of today so the project has been scaled back to a \$250,000 proposal and will be re-submitted to SuperBuild.

Jerry Walker, council's representative on the gallery board, says the smaller project will still allow for the move of the building onto a solid foundation, with a basement, and renovations could be made to make the currently unwinterized building heatable and therefore operable year round.

"John O'Reilly (M.P. for Haliburton Victoria Brock) was talking to Murray

the other weekend and he says downsizing [the SuperBuild proposal] is good.

I'm hopeful we'll have an answer in two months. I'd like to see the foundation done and the building moved before the freeze up (in the fall of this year)," says Walker.

He explained that moving the building will also allow for improvements to York Street; for example better traffic flow, parking and the addition of sidewalks.

Walker says the new proposal is a good compromise.

Under the new project Dysart will be responsible for approximately \$100,000 of the cost and the guild will have to

raise approximately \$30,000. Al Ferguson, a guild board member, says they won't have a problem meeting that goal.

"We obviously felt that we'd like to have the whole project and we felt we could raise \$80,000. But the municipality has a lot on their plate. It's not to say that by going smaller now that at another time in the future we couldn't do an addition," says Ferguson.

He said that one of the most important aspects of the project is to be able to get the building to a state where it is operable year round because that will make the gallery eligible for new operating grants.

"We think we have a good story, a sound business case for expansion... We're happy with what we've got and feel this proposal is a step in the right direction," says Ferguson.

“It's not to say that at another time in the future we couldn't do an addition
AL FERGUSON”

Local groups can no longer insert flyers in tax bills

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Tax bills are starting to look too much like junk mail in the minds of many local politicians who have decided to discontinue the practice of inserting other organizations' brochures and pamphlets with the property tax bills.

"I'm sorry it's come to this," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said on Thursday when Haliburton County Home Support Services asked the municipality to reconsider its decision not to allow the volunteer agency to include a request for donations in the tax bill.

Home Support would have assisted with the postage and also provided volunteer help in inserting the flyer.

Last year, Algonquin Highlands had nine requests for inserts. If all had been included, Harrison asked Home Support to consider what a property owner's reaction would have been when they opened their tax bill. With so many flyers, most would be disregarded, thereby defeating the purpose of having them included.

"The tax bill then becomes junk mail."

By leaving it to council to decide which insertion requests to allow, "you're asking us to play God and decide what's most important," Harrison said.

Instead, councils across the county have decided not to allow any inserts except for municipal and county information.

"It wasn't an easy decision but, through the years, the tax bills have become an easy way to contact people," Harrison said.

She encouraged Home Support to contact lake associations to ask to have the request for funding, and also to ask to make a presentation at the annual general meetings in the summer.

DARREN LUM/Echo



Thursday twirls

This Thursday, the Highland Twirlers invite you to find out what all the fun is about. They are hosting an open house starting at 7 p.m. to introduce new enthusiasts to one of their favourite recreational pastimes. With this type of dancing, certain moves are learned and then pieced together by a caller, which keeps the dancers on their toes. As well as the weekly dance nights, enjoyed by Jim and Marlene Taylor at left, the Highland Twirlers also perform at various events throughout the county. Many Twirlers also attend annual conferences across the country. So if you want to make friends, keep physically active and enjoy a good laugh, drop by the community centre on Thursday at 7:30 p.m..

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Airport manager seeks support for expansion, move to county control

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Stanhope Airport manager John Packer came to Dysart et al council regarding the on-going development of the Stanhope Airport.

He showed councillors a promotional video about the airport and the surrounding assets in the county.

Packer's purpose in coming was to garner support for airport expansion plans, (construction of crosswinds runway) and to lobby for a bid to have the county take over the operation of the airport from the township of Algonquin Highlands.

"We see the airport as being a function of the county. The people who fly in don't just stay in Algonquin Highlands. The more business we generate, the better it is for everyone," says Packer.

He says the volunteer committee currently operating the airport has received expressions of interest from four different businesses, including a bed and breakfast or a hotel, which want to locate at the facilities.

He says the airport has one of the largest Young Eagle program (free flights for young people to introduce them to the joys of flying) in the country and offers more successful fly-in

events than any other airport in Ontario.

Other successful initiatives include the production of a collector's wooden nickel and the on-going partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources. He is also excited about the development of a new flight training school and the inclusion of Stanhope in charter flights between Ottawa and Toronto. At the next meeting of his steering committee, Packer expects they will pass a resolution to purchase additional property to expand the airport.

Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis says if a new runway could be built it would mean a huge cost savings for ambulances since most of the air ambulance pilots will not land at Stanhope now. Packer added that the MNR could also increase its usage by bringing in the bigger water bombers as well.

"Our biggest fear at the county is if we take over it will kill the thriving volunteer spirit (behind the current operation of the airport)," says Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Packer argued 55 per cent of the volunteer base is over the age of 70 now and will not be able to continue for too much longer.

Councillors did not give Packer any commitment about where they stood on the issue of county involvement or financially supporting the expansion.

Kennisis Lakers question tax formula

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Michael Hartin delivered an ultimatum to Dysart et al council on behalf of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association regarding taxes.

"Our tax rate formula needs to be adjusted so that our net tax bill is the same or lower than 2002. Our association applauds Reeve Murray Fearrey's awareness of this situation and sincerely hope these changes are implemented. Anything else is unacceptable," the KLCOA president told council last Monday.

Hartin said the members of KLCOA are upset about paying more for taxes while not receiving anymore services for the increase. They had been hoping there would be a way to change the tax rate formula so their rate would stay the same while in the villages, where residents have more services, there would be a different rate - but he understood from council they would not do that.

Fearrey explained to Hartin that council was "between a rock and a hard place" because although the number of building permits has doubled this year, the amount of tax revenue has decreased due to delays in assessment by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, reductions in tax assessments and the managed forest tax rebate program.

Hartin asked if it would be possible for an interim tax bill to be issued to new

building owners but Fearrey says the municipality has to be careful not to do MPAC's job while the municipality is forced by current provincial rules to pay MPAC to do property tax assessments.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis suggested that they could perhaps collect something like a \$2,500 deposit from new home builders when they file for their permit. This would be refundable upon final inspection and assessment. It would provide the property owner with the motivation to get assessed instead of sitting back as some do and not paying taxes for three years because they know they can only be charged back taxes for up to two years.

CAO Tammy McKelvey says MPAC's latest attempt to get on top of the situation has been to give their staff a list and asked them to check the list to see which buildings have been completed - a time-intensive task, she says.

Fearrey said he is looking forward to meeting with an MPAC official on Wednesday at county council to ask questions such as why property owners on Drag Lake all received a 10 per cent reduction in assessment, when uniform drops like that were seen nowhere else in the municipality. He also wants to ask how MPAC is going to solve the backlog in assessment causing the delays for tax collection.

"This is not a happy picture. We had a huge building year and yet we are writing off more in taxes than we're gaining in new assessment," says Fearrey.

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Where there's no smoke, there's a ban

This week, the health unit hopes that local politicians' phones will be ringing off the hook. It also hopes most of those calls will be in support of the health unit's plan to make Haliburton County smoke-free.

In this week's *Echo*, the health unit is distributing a flyer which includes county politicians' phone numbers, asking people to make their endorsement of the smoke-free policy known to the only people who can bring a smoking ban into effect.

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editorial

— martha perkins

Many public places, such as arenas, already prohibit smoking but the health unit would also like people to enjoy a restaurant meal or drink in a bar without having to inhale someone else's cigarette smoke. It argues that a smoking ban is not only good for patrons but also makes it safer for people who work in restaurants and bars.

Given the successful case of an Ottawa waitress who got compensation for the health problems she suffers as a result of working in a place which allows smoking, the health unit feels it has a compelling case. Recent surveys by the health unit also indicate that its confidence in the public's support of the ban is well-placed.

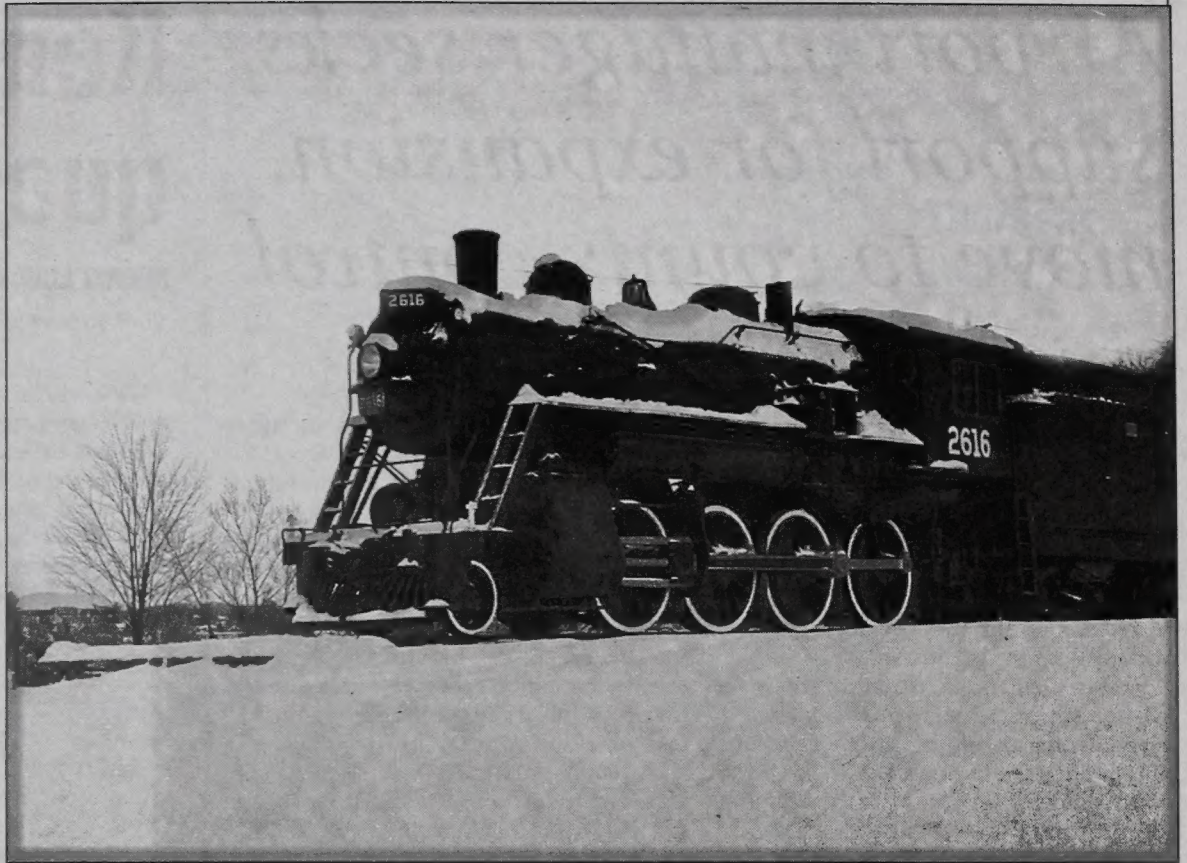
Local politicians have known about the health unit's desire for several months but have yet to do anything about it. Right now, the argument is being allowed to go back and forth between those who think it's the responsibility of each municipality to make such a decision and those who think that instead of potentially pitting one municipality against another, county council should draft the policy. The health unit wants the debate to be resolved in 2003 and is using public pressure to stop the dickering. Enough debate, just do it.

Many politicians profess to support a ban. They're probably aware that most voters in their municipalities are in favour of it, too. But those people will be the silent majority, and when you're a politician silence is not always golden — especially in an election year. The people who will be most vocal about it, in phone calls and in the press, are those who will disagree with any form of legal restrictions for a legal product.

But the tide is against those who think a person's right to smoke and a bar or restaurant's right to make money from smokers take precedence. Goodness, if New York City — of all places — can implement a non-smoking by-law, then surely any town or region can. New Yorkers are not known for their quiet acquiescence to government rules. The mayor has simply stared them all down.

Business opponents to the smoking ban argue that they'll lose money because smokers will no longer frequent their establishment. But how many customers are they losing because non-smokers will no longer tolerate going home with the taste of smoke in their mouth and the smell of smoke on their clothes? If you think smokers are an opinionated lot, have you ever asked someone who's quit what they think of all that smoke? Will smokers never go out any more because there's no place for them to smoke?

Hey, if the ban on smoking is the final push to make people stop smoking, since they can't smoke anywhere anyway, think of all the money they'll have to spend on food and refreshments now that they're saving all that money on cigarettes!



A snow covered landmark

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

The lure of the ice

I've never understood some people's obsession with collecting pretty baubles. And the other day, as I was finding a place for three new lures in my ice fishing tackle box, I said as much to my wife.

Carol quickly noted that the shiny, polished lures that graced those bountiful compartments were the ice angler's equivalent of jewellery. And though I objected strenuously to this, I guess it was an easy conclusion for her to draw, especially since I've come home more than once with a fishing lure dangling from some protruding and frozen body part. Who hasn't? Cold fingers get clumsy.

"Okay, smart guy," she asked, "then what's the difference between my jewellery and those fishing lures?"

"Well, the price for one," I chuckled. At six bucks a pop, those lures were considerably more expensive than the last two mood rings that I bought her. I guess the gum machine cuts out the middle man.

"They are pretty, just like jewellery," she commented.

"Ah, but they are practical too," I countered.

"These aren't just for show."

"Which one will catch the most fish?" she asked indelicately.

I hesitated and then tried to change the subject.

"I mean if a skilled angler was using them," she clarified.

I nervously pointed out a couple of favourite lures that we ice anglers like to think of as fish killers. Not that any one of us would actually risk losing one merely to catch a fish. Heck, that's why God invented minnows and hooks.

"They're all so clean and shiny," she commented.

Like most non-anglers, it came as a surprise to her that ice anglers jig with their lures, not to catch fish but to gently clean them in the mild

waters of the lake. Oh sure, sometimes a pesky fish latches on to one and mars the finish, but for the most part the lures simply get put away cleaner and unscathed. In fact, that's why my tackle box is the talk of the lake. Why, every time I open it, ravens come from miles around just to see the shiny trinkets.

That's not to say that a well-stocked tackle box isn't critical to an angler's success — it is but not for fishing purposes. No, it's got more to do with territory. That's because an angler's tackle box is symbolically equivalent to the antlers on an elk. Observers will note that when anglers meet on the ice, after the preliminary greeting and circling downwind of each other, the very next thing they do is display their tackle boxes.

This is an intricate dance that is yet to be fully explained by biologists.

Some theorize that the bigger the tackle box the more dominant the angler, but that's not always the case. Once I saw a little runt with a

handful of expensive lures back an old blowhard right off the best shoal on the lake.

The fact that each lure was embedded in his hand might have upped the psychological ante but who can say for sure?

The point is, a full tackle box also signifies an arsenal of fishing stories and, as we all know, that is an angler's most fearsome weapon. Most people would rather pack up and leave than be subjected to fishing stories that are not borne out of their own fertile imaginations.

I proved this shortly thereafter when Carol asked about a vintage nickel and blue Little Cleo, a red and silver Williams Wabler, and the perch painted Rapala jig beside them both. As I started to tell their stories she quickly left.

And that was unfortunate. I could have used her help in dislodging them from my hand.

the not so great



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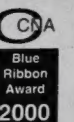
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Making do

HOW ARE YOU NOW?" came the booming voice all the way down the basement stairs. If it had been anyone else but Terrence standing in her kitchen, Annie would have been fit to be tied. But Terrence was a good sort, even if he was standing there dripping snow and wood chips all over her nice clean floor. As she walked up the steps, she could picture him before she had seen him. Sure enough, there he was. A tall, gangly kind of man, Terrence looked about the same this day as he had for the past ten years, maybe longer. His face had the aged ruddiness that came as much from working outdoors as advancing years. His weight



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never changed and Annie was sure he could probably wear the same clothes from his youthful days on the family farm. In fact, sometimes Annie took one look at him and wondered if that was indeed what he was wearing.

Terrence was an original dresser. He liked to wear hats of all kinds, fabrics and straws, hard and soft; anything but a baseball cap, for as he said, if he wanted to play ball, he'd have moved to the States years ago. Now he stood, a battered grey fedora

angled rakishly, wool work pants tucked into snowmobile boots and three thick flannel shirts of various plaids all vying for prominence as they ballooned and swirled about his waist. "You didn't answer my knock and then I heard the machine so I knew you were in the basement doing your wash," Terrence explained, still standing, dripping just inside the door.

"Well come in, come in," said Annie a bit brusquely, handing him some newspapers to put under his boots. "If I didn't know you were showing off your hat, I'd wonder what kind of manners your ma taught you Terrence, leaving your hat on in the house."

With an expression that combined sheepishness with prideful glee, he pulled the hat down and settled himself, newspapers and all, at the kitchen table. There was no point in asking him to remove any clothing, because he wouldn't. Annie never understood how people could dress the same indoors and out without either passing out from the woodstove or shivering too hard to drive. And of course, to wear mitts or gloves was out of the question.

"I was just going to make a nice pot of tea. Would you stay for some Terrence?" Once he accepted, that was Annie's signal to get out the tarts she had made that morning. Terrence knew this was her baking day and so he often dropped by on some pretext, hoping for an invite to sample the goodies. Annie was a good cook and a great baker. She could do things to venison that would taste as good as anything you could get in those fancy restaurants and every year her pies won ribbons. To his delight, she placed half a dozen tarts on a plate in the middle of the table then put a fork and bread and butter plate in front of his and her own place. When the kettle whistled on the stove, she quickly warmed the pot, then plunked in two tea bags and filled it up. The mugs her daughter gave her for Christmas waited beside a carton of milk and bowl of sugar, the spoons lying side by side patiently waiting for the tea to steep.

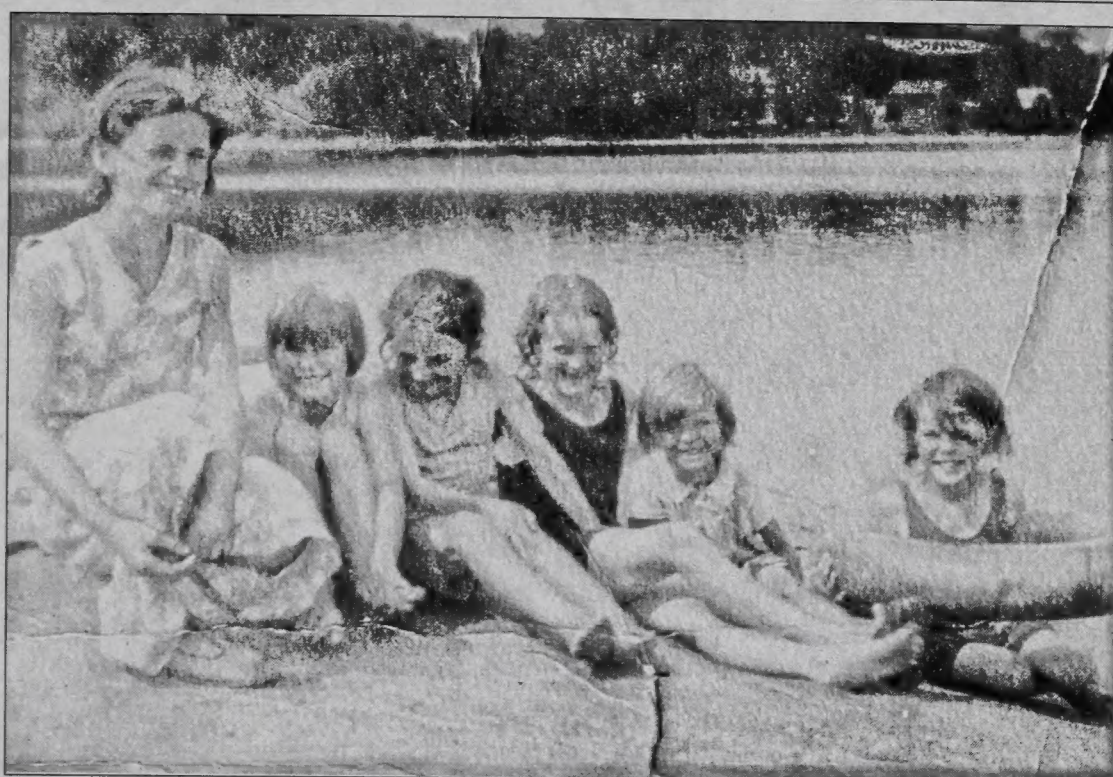
"Help yourself to the tarts, Terrence," said Annie. "Your hips need them more than mine." She always said this and Terrence always chuckled politely. Annie was, in Terrence's view, a fine figure of a woman but, were she to gain a pound or two, he would not change his opinion of her. For Terrence had been a little bit in love with Annie for the past fifteen years. Annie knew this. And while she liked Terrence well enough, she had no intention of changing their relationship from that of friendly neighbours. They might play euchre with the couple down near the highway. They might even go ice fishing together. But they were not sweethearts. Never would be. Terrence accepted this because he wanted to spend time with her and that was the only basis on which he could.

"... So I have to hold it until it finishes the wash cycle." Annie's words broke into his thoughts. She had been explaining that there was something not quite right with her washing machine and she hated to call the repairman because it cost so much for a service call. Annie, like Terrence, was a master at making do. Making do meant doing without but had a more positive sound. Making do without a new one, making do until you can afford to fix, replace or remove something was the way both of them had lived their entire lives.

Reaching for his second tart, Terrence now told Annie that the damper on his wood furnace was not working properly and he couldn't seem to figure out what to do. He had already been to the hardware store twice. Now he was going through wood so fast he was afraid he might run out. "Green wood," said Annie.

"Beg pardon?" he replied. Annie went on to explain her father used to mix green wood in with the dry stuff to slow down its burning and to stretch it out over the winter. Terrence broke into a smile. Of course. He had entirely forgotten about that old trick. There was cord newly chopped behind the shed he could use right away.

Leaning back in his chair and savouring the last crumbs of the tart, Terrence looked, in Annie's opinion, like the cat who just swallowed the canary. Ah well, she thought, it was good to be appreciated.



pic of the past

This week's Pic of the Past, taken about 1931-32, shows the girls of summer on Gooderham's Pine Lake/ They are, from left: Gladys Stoughton, Kathleen Stoughton, Veronica Waite, Rosaleen Hunter, Lydia Stoughton, and Helen Stoughton. Our thanks to Terrance Stoughton for sending us this delightful picture.

letters to the editor

No coronation for Scott, please

To the Editor:

Re: Laurie Scott announces Tory Bid, Jan. 14/03.

Any pretense of Martha Perkins' political neutrality I think has vanished with the sickly sweet article about Laurie Scott entering the provincial political arena. Can she write a nice warm fuzzy story about the NDP and Liberal candidate as well? I think not, but please surprise us! I will get a nice hot cup of tea and snuggle up beside the fireplace and read all about Jason Ward (the Liberal candidate) and his fond childhood memories.

What a surprise it must have been for Perkins that Laurie jumped from the federal scene to the provincial race. I mean, after all, one way or another this lady wants to be elected, or should I say crowned, MPP! Her father, the late Bill Scott, was an MP as we are often reminded in the article, and even her brother Guy is a councillor. I guess we are to assume that being an MPP is in her genes, somewhat like the royal family and their inherent right to rule. The last time I checked this is the Province of Ontario, not the Kingdom of Ontario.

One thing I think we can assume is that being born the daughter of a long-standing politician Laurie was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Of course we are told that Laurie works as a Conservative senator's assistant so we know that she can book great vacations to exotic locations and she can probably mix a great martini, but is she learning anything about hard work? If

she said that she worked full-time as a nurse I would have a great deal of respect for her work ethic, but working for a senator? I suppose working for a senator is a great way to learn about wasting taxpayers' hard-earned dollars which may be a prerequisite for working for the provincial Tories, according to the provincial auditor.

I think perhaps Laurie did learn something about politics along the way. She can say a great deal without saying anything of substance. We are told that she enjoyed taking a broad brush approach to issues on a federal level and is excited about the chance to implement those issues on a provincial level. Say what? Huh? The closest we get to substance is her saying health care is a top priority. Well in theory it is the provincial health minister Tony Clement, as well, but he is doing his best to privatize our health care even though every study would indicate that this is absolutely the wrong approach. Is this what Laurie means? It should come as no surprise that the provincial Tories don't listen to studies. Just look at the hydro mess! What does Laurie think about the environment? Every summer the air gets thicker with smog blowing up from the industrial areas to the south of us. Ms. Scott does say she wishes to carry on with the expansion of our schools. Tell that tale to the people of Dorset and Gooderham who have lost their neighbourhood schools to the flawed Tory school funding formula.

I guess I must keep reminding Ms. Perkins of what her responsibilities are as a reporter. Ask

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



The dog days of winter

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby draws record number of competitors

ALLISON TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

Freezing cold weather, piles and piles of snow, enthusiastic dogs and competitive racers were the ingredients for a successful weekend of racing at the 2nd Annual Dogsled Derby in Haliburton.

One week before the races, which took place January 11 and 12, organizer Tanya McCready said she was a little concerned about the snow cover on the race course across Head Lake, but a few days later the county was covered with a huge snowfall and most of McCready's worries were erased.

With a record number of teams, 87 (up from last year's 65), and crowds of curious and supportive spectators, who continued to line the race course on Head Lake Park despite temperatures reaching below -10°, McCready said the derby was a success.

"Temperatures were perfect for racing this year," she said after the awards ceremony on Sunday night, when she had her first opportunity in weeks to actually sit still for a moment. "It was a little cold for spectators but it didn't seem to stop them. They could go into town and warm up and then come back to the races."

McCready says that dogs prefer to run when the mercury drops to around -10°.

"The dogs are bred for cold temperatures so when it's cold they just love it," she said. "Just listen to them."

Barks of excitement to race could be heard echoing across the lake throughout the weekend. The dogs never seemed to be happy unless they were racing, said one bystander.

"They don't realize how cold it is for humans," McCready said.

Mushers and spectators alike could be seen all weekend dressed in layers and layers of warm winter clothing.

The dogs, however, presented a few challenges of their own.

While the dogs prefer to race in the frigid temperatures, racer Bonnie Edwards' biggest challenge is preventing tiny balls of snow from forming in her border collies' paws.

Edwards spends extra time trimming the fur around their paws and one of her dogs wears booties to prevent the snow from matting the fur. But her biggest weapon against the chilling temperatures is...cooking spray. Before each race, Edwards can be seen spraying each of her dog's paws with Pam. The dogs get to race freely without excessive icing.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Lou Serré holds tight as his eight-dogs sled team races up the hill towards the course turnaround on Saturday, Jan. 11.

"You just have to make sure you don't get the garlic-flavoured one," she said, getting her dogs ready to race on Sunday. "If they lick it off it won't hurt them and because they are indoor dogs it won't be messy in my house."

Lou Serré, three-time world champion and winner of Haliburton's six-dog and four-dog open races, had small icicles forming around his eyelashes after each race.

"I'm used to the cold; it was warmer on my face when I had a beard though," he said, sporting a smile and a goatee.

Racing with what Serré calls a hound-cross breed of dogs (his secret weapon is that he keeps the cross a secret), Serré, who says he's 53 going on 35, said the

course in Haliburton was fantastic this year.

"One of my dogs didn't like the course at first," he said. "But all of my races went fairly well."

While most of Serré's dogs are under two-years-old, very young for racing dogs, Serré says he will be back next year, stronger and with more experienced dogs.

Later at the awards ceremony on Sunday night, Serré and many other racers paid homage to organizers Hank DeBruin and McCready, the Haliburton couple who own Winterdance dogsled tours.

"Thank you everybody from Haliburton but especially to Hank and

Tanya. The main thing is that we show appreciation to these two people. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. We will be back next year," Serré said.

Both McCready and DeBruin were undoubtedly the most popular people at the awards ceremony, as racers, spectators and volunteers all rose to their feet to show the pair appreciation for a job well done.

"Let's give a round of applause for Hank and Tanya," said Jim Cunningham of the Ontario Federation of Sled Dog Sports and emcee of the ceremony. "We couldn't have done it without them."

Colder weather eases organizers stresses

from page 8

Cunningham gave an extra big thank you to snowmobilers and members of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for working with the dogsled derby and more importantly sharing their trails with the dogsled racers for an entire weekend.

At one point on Saturday, snowmobilers and the dogsled racers were getting a little close to each other on Head Lake. McCready said that no one was hurt and that any problems were quickly fixed.

There were a few snowmobilers who were upset that part of the Glebe Park trail and Head Lake were closed off, but for the most part the partnership didn't cause a problem.

"It was great that the HCSA was willing to share their trails with us," she said. "We really appreciated all the work, time and effort the volunteers from the HCSA put into the event."

One volunteer even arrived from England to help. John Stenning had been on a Winterdance tour the winter before and had such a terrific experi-

DARREN LUM/Echo



Above: At the start of the six-dogs sled dog race, excited dogs are calmed before the start of the six dogsled race. **Bottom left:** A six-dogs sled team flies by spectators on the first day of the two-day event.

ence, he wanted to be involved with the derby.

Despite DeBruin having to get up at 3 a.m. Sunday morning to work on the dog sled trail and fix the turnaround near Glebe Park to make it safer and easier for racers to turn their teams

around, the races this year basically went off without a glitch.

Last year mild temperatures caused a last minute change in venue and endless days of stress.

This year the race started at Head Lake Park, as mushers and dogs raced along the frozen lake into Glebe Park.

The course was much more spectator-friendly, as opposed to last year's course which ran along the Haliburton rail trail. Last year, lack of snow and not enough ice on Head Lake caused the last-minute change of venue.

"There was a lot more of the race for people to see this year," McCready said.

Seeing more of the dogs and races made the entire experience much better for spectators such as 10-year-old Amber Loney.

Loney and her mother Karen Franke travelled from Gooderham to witness the dogsled derby.

"It's cool," Loney said, "you can see a lot of the races."

Although Loney thought the races would have a mass start, she was still excited to see so many dogs up close.

Racer Rick Hendrick drove 600 miles

to be in Haliburton on race day.

He accepted the award for the longest-travelled racer on Sunday night before he had to drive home to Indiana - he still had to be at work on Monday morning. His wife and his daughter made the trip with him to keep him company and help take care of the 29 Siberian Huskies.

"We had a great time," he said.

"It's fun...it's our hobby," added Hendrick, who goes through 7,000 pounds of chicken and 1,000 pounds of dog food in no time flat. "The course was really good."

McCready says she couldn't have hoped for better weather.

With one year of organizing the event already under their belts, McCready said she and DeBruin were able to pay closer attention to the smaller details this year. She said the dogsled derby wouldn't have happened without the support of Tiger Box D J Service, the Municipality of Dysart, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, the eco-tourism students at Sir Sandford Fleming College, the Chamber of Commerce and the other race sponsors.



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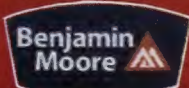
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Red Hawks tie arch-rivals, Fenelon Falls, 4-4. See more photos on page 12.

Storm gives Huntsville case of the blues

ANDY LENNOX

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Bantam A team swept the BB Huntsville Blues with a pair of impressive victories last week.

Storm 4 Huntsville 3

Due to a variety of illnesses and injuries, the Storm played this game with only nine skaters and they showed a lot of grit and guts to come out with a victory against a tough opponent.

Justin McKelvey got things off on the right foot by scoring in the first minute with assists going to linemates Dylan Metcalfe and Dan Riley.

However, the going got tough for the Storm when a Storm player was assessed for a misconduct penalty, thereby reducing the bench strength to only eight players. Huntsville scored to even up the game shortly after the penalty but the Storm players kept battling. Huntsville scored again near the end of the first period to take a 2-1 lead but the Storm still kept fighting back.

Scott Lewis scored, assisted again by Riley, to even the game up 2-2.

Lewis scored again, assisted by Adam Sisson, to

give the Storm a 3-2 lead early in the third and McKelvey potted his second of the game, with assists from Metcalfe and Gavin Hicks to make the score 4-2.

Huntsville scored late in the third to close the gap to one goal but they could not get any closer than that.

Stellar work by the entire Storm team including Connor MacMillan, Jeff Burk, Adam Googh and Cody Mills, and a dynamite game by netminder Mike Lennox who clearly won the goaltending duel on this night.

Storm 5 Huntsville 3

For the return match in Haliburton it was the Blues' turn to show up with nine skaters. The Storm used their manpower advantage to build a three-goal lead after two periods of hockey. Joe Gallagher scored once and Metcalfe recorded a pair, with assists going to Googh, Gallagher, McKelvey and Riley.

Huntsville scored early in the third period to close the gap but Sisson nailed a slapper, assisted by Lewis, to restore the three goal lead.

Storm thunders in tournament



The team mobs their goaltender at the conclusion of the game.



Below: Parents of the Storm players can barely hold their excitement in the final minutes of the championship game.

Right: A Storm forward battles for a loose puck.



The Highland Storm Novice As beat Barry's Bay 3-2 for the Highland Storm's Minor Hockey Tournament A Championship at the S.G. Nesbitt arena on Saturday, Jan. 18. They held on for the win over Barry's Bay when Tanner Ballantyne blocked a shot in the dying seconds of the game to preserve victory.

Photos by Darren Lum

Highland Storm Novice As end season on top

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Rowden Building Novice A Team end their season in 1st place overall. The team has been solid from the very beginning of the season having a record-breaking year. The team played 27 games league and exhibition. They ended with 26 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie. They scored 234 goals, only allowed 30 goals against and had 11 shutouts. They were the B finalists in their home tournament and were A Champs at a tournament in Tweed over the Christmas holidays. Now that's great hockey.

The players are strong from the blue line back with defencemen who are always part of the rush being consistent with key passing and who stand their ground without hesitation. The offense is persistent in back checking and digging in the corners, from winning face-offs to precision passing. This combination has given trust in each other as a team with strong heads up plays. On defense are Mark Dobey, Ryan Hunter,

Cole Rowden and Samantha Tallman and the offensive players are Brett Yake, DJ Howorko, Marlee Gadway, Dillon Upton, Stephan Schollig and Mike Mazara and of course the awesome goalie is Rob Lewis.

These kids have lots of positive energy mixed with great chemistry and their parents are a truly dedicated group helping to keep this team working together. This will make for an exciting round of playoffs starting January 18, 2003. The team will play a round robin with a point system. The coaching staff has worked with each team player giving them all the support one could ever ask for. They are always positive and are consistent, providing the kids with excellent training. The Coach is Ron Yake, Assistant Coach Bernie Upton, Trainer Don Lewis, Manager Janice Lewis and the secretary/treasurer is Nancy Hunter.

Congratulations to the coaching staff and each team player for working so hard from day one. You have made the coaching staff and your parents very proud.



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Playoff Schedule

Game 1 Jan. 18 in Belleville @ 5:15pm
Game 2 Jan 26 in Minden against Ennismore @ 11:00am
Game 3 Feb. 7 in Campbellford @ 6:30pm

Game 4 Feb. 1 in Haliburton against Belleville @ 12:30pm
Game 5 Feb. 22 in Ennismore @ 12:00pm
Game 6 Feb 23 in Haliburton against Campbellford @ 11:00am

Dropping temperatures, rising expectations for Nordic ski team

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

The HHSS nordic ski team is poised for success after posting a pair of wins and second places at a recent competition in Lakefield.

In the Midget age group (14 and under) Laura Stouffer and Josh Mayhew won their races while juniors (under 16) Sean Keaney and Matt Allore earned second places at the Lakefield College Invitational, boasting a total field of more than 100 skiers.

Posting respectable finishes were Lesley Pearsell, fourth, Josh Wales, sixth, and Kyle Thompson, seventh.

Coach Bruce Griffiths is pleased with the results and expects that his only complete team of Juniors, Michael Flowers, Myles Nicholson, Will Rey and Sean Keaney, will perform well at the upcoming Kawartha Championship at the Glebe Park on Feb. 5. Griffiths expects the field to be even larger than the Lakefield competition and will include schools such as Crestwood, Trinity, St. Andrews College, Lakefield College and PCVI.

This year's bounty of snow has provided ideal skiing conditions and allowed for more training, Griffiths said.

"We started before Christmas. It's a rare year that we

get to do that," Griffiths said. "We had a week of practice last year. This year we're getting three or four weeks of practice at an hour a time."

The team comes together at least three to four times a week to ski at the Glebe Park trails after school. Some even put in extra time on the trails during the weekend.

Last year the team competed with four members. This year numbers were tripled to 13.

"It's better than last year. We were small and now we're back up to pretty good numbers," Griffiths said.

Griffiths isn't quite sure why the numbers increased so dramatically but believes the influx of Grade 9s and word of mouth was a contributing factor.

"There are lots of rookies this year," Griffiths said. "They've been doing great."

Max Creelman, Mayhew, Karen Cox, Pearsell, Stouffer, Rey, and Allore are all in their first year of competitive skiing but have progressed quickly.

Returning from last year's flock are seniors and captains Andrea Lindenberg and Kyle Thompson. Also returning are Juniors Myles Nicholson, Michael Flowers and junior Sean Keaney.

Griffiths and Sharon Diblee have been coaching since 1988.

Approximate distances for competitions are: midget, 3.5 km, junior, 5 km, seniors, 8 km.



Coach Bruce Griffiths said the junior boys team is looking good for the upcoming Kawartha Championships.

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Hawks caught

Left: HHSS veteran Ryan Wood leads the rush out of the Red Hawks zone in the third period.

Above: Andrew Sachs stops Norwood Knight forward cold in tight during the second period.

Red Hawks lost 4-3 after holding the lead for most of the third period. Knights scored two unanswered goals in less than a minute with a little over five minutes left in the game. Photos by Darren Lum.

Winter shelter nestled in the network of Moosewoods trails

Just another week in paradise. The snowfall has been plentiful, the temperatures have been moderate, and winter is at its best. Do yourself a favour and go skiing.

While you're out there, why not visit one of the gems of the ski trail system? There are many favourites, but a new favourite is the pond side shelter at Moosewoods.

From the trail head, you'll have to head toward the blue loop. Use your map to guide you. To find it, follow the blue loop more than halfway around. You will notice a trail leading to the right, which is usually groomed. Turn right on the trail. About 100 meters in you'll find a cozy shelter nestled

beside a pond. You're there.

This shelter is a great place to stop for lunch since it has a woodstove to warm you up while you eat. You may find yourself a little hungry since you'll have to ski nearly 10 km before you hit the shelter. Conserve some energy since it will be about 5 km back to the trail head.

On Wednesday, January 8 the HHSS ski team travelled to Hardwood Hills in Barrie for a competition. The skiers turned in super results. In the novice girls division Laura Stouffer took second place, followed by Karen Cox-Gurden in 10th.

In novice boys, Josh Wales came second, followed by

Josh Mayhew in third, while Matt Allore and Will Ray came 8th and 13th.

The HHSS team had strong finishes from Myles Nicholson, Max Creelman and Mike Flowers in the Junior Boys division. In Senior Girls, Leslie Pearsell competed well, and Kyle Thompson distinguished himself in the Senior Boys division.

Last but not least, Scott Griffith skied to second in the Elementary boys division. He was closely followed by Shane Dibblee, who was eight seconds behind in third place.

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Committee has \$200,000 to improve canoe routes

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ry system of outdoor privies to ensure that run-off from the campsites is not polluting the lakes.

"We're all concerned about preserving the wonder of the outdoors experience and this project is a step in that direction," says the committee's co-chairman, Fred Shuttleworth.

He credits the partnership between the Ministry of Natural Resources (which manages the Frost Centre and provides the Living Legacy funding), Algonquin Highlands and the enthusiastic but concerned supporters of the Frost Centre's water routes for getting the environmental safeguards in place.

In the first year, funding is to be spent as follows: \$5,000 for administration, \$5,000 for development of an operational plan; \$20,000 for the project co-ordinator; \$15,000 to upgrade and maintain the campsites and portages; \$3,000 for a communications and education plan; and \$2,000 for signage.

In the second year, funding will be spent as follows: \$50,000 for access point and parking upgrades; \$50,000 for the upgrade of campsites and portages; \$30,000 for a project co-ordinator, who will also serve as compliance officer; \$10,000 for campsite rehabilitation; and \$10,000 for office administration.

Signage is being done this winter.

The access points are at Big and Little Hawk landings, Herb Lake and Sherborne Lake. The upgrades should be completed in the spring of 2003.

A map and brochure should be available by this June.

Field crews to monitor the campsites and make sure campers are complying with the rules should be hired by June of each year.

The upgrading of fire pits, privies and "the natural environment" will take place May to October in 2003 and 2004.

The initiative was sparked by the committee, which was formed to address growing concerns with over-use of the campsites and the impact on the environment. At present there are few controls and outside camps were dropping canoeists off at the Frost Centre by the dozens. Committee members were also dismayed by the inappropriate placement of the privies, some of which were on water's edge.

The Ministry of Natural Resources no longer has the funding to maintain the sites.

Last summer there was a series of well-attended public meetings about the proposal and there was overwhelming support for the committee's plan.

When it came time to signing the memorandum of agreement, which inexorably will lead to Algonquin Highlands issuing a land use permit to give the committee the authority to oversee the campsites management, Algonquin Highlands' deputy-reeve, Don Shortreed, expressed deep misgivings about signing off before the municipality's lawyers had had a chance to review the documentation.

His main concern is that the municipality can be held liable if there is an accident or environmental problem since it is, in effect, leasing the land from the Frost Centre.

"It's another example of downloading," he said. "I just don't want to get the township in a jackpot."

While other councillors shared his apprehension, but to a lesser degree, they wanted the committee to move ahead with the project.

"We're not anxious to get involved," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "but if someone doesn't take responsibility, our liability will get worse..."

"I don't think anything is going to change liability-wise. We'd likely be named [in an accident] anyway. [The agreement] won't make our liability worse."

Council feels that it is already liable because many of the campsites are on the municipally-owned 66' shoreline allowance. CAO Gerald Bain cautioned council that with the land use permit the municipality could be exposing itself to more liability if there's an accident that occurs as a result of the municipality not enforcing the by-law.

Councillor Tom Gardner said that in the months he's sat on the committee, he too has felt his opinions go back and forth. Although he agrees the campsites should be an MNR responsibility, the reality is no one is taking care of them and the situation is getting worse. If Algonquin Highlands didn't do something, no one would.

Council's hope is that the land use permit is a short-term solution and that in the future, the MNR will resume management of the water trails.

Future looks golden for property sales

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an eye to improving or rebuilding. I think that market will continue to grow," says Baumgartner.

She explained the industry here has been given a boost by amalgamating with Muskoka to become the Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors. This means instead of having only approximately 65 realtors in Haliburton using local listings, there are now more than 300, equaling a lot more exposure for the county.

"The amalgamation has really helped us to create more awareness about what is here," says Baumgartner.

And once those clients get the perfect house they want, the economic impact continues in the area. And in interior decorating the hands down hot colour of 2002 is Dijon. That's right, if you are feeling the urge to recreate the nostalgia of your grandmother's kitchen in the New Year, than you are in the interior fashion groove.

Mary McKee at Cordell Carpet And Interiors says this has been a great year for business. She says not only is there a lot of new construction but a lot of people are coming in because they are doing renovations as well.

"Business has been excellent this year, much better than last year. And we're anticipating a good year in 2003 as well," says McKee.

And as for Dijon, well it might not be the hottest flavour of mustard on the market but as a popular colour it is "hot, very hot." McKee estimated it is the first time since the 1950s the yellows and oranges have been back in vogue.

"Anything in gold tones is selling well. The yellows are a warm colour that goes with pine well and people are into natural colours and woods. Everyone wants a rustic look in hardwood floors, that's been a trend for the last year and a half," says McKee.

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Dysart council briefs

Variety store seeks ways to become wheelchair accessible

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed by Dysart et al council at last Monday's meeting.

A plan for a wheel chair ramp to Henwood's Variety was presented by Jim Henwood.

Henwood's plan including moving the door of the store and putting the mailboxes into the recess for the old door. This would create enough room for a new ramp that would begin at the far right corner of the building in front of Vasey Insurance.

He explained he needs to make the store wheel chair accessible in order to continue offering federal postal services.

Council members requested a few more details be investigated such as whether enough room would be left on the sidewalk for the snowplow and if the parking meters would have to be moved. Otherwise they approved in principle the drawings and concept he presented.

Insurance

Council accepted this year's quote from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada for a renewed municipal insurance policy despite a 20 per cent increase in the cost of this year's premium. Last year the policy cost \$111,288 and this year it has risen to \$133,544.

Councillors discussed how other municipalities have been faced with

similar hikes and Reeve Murray Fearrey said they do not really have a choice but to accept the quote.

Official plan

The new draft official plan for Dysart has been modified and council agreed it had reached a suitable stage to be posted on the internet site for public comment at www.county.haliburton.on.ca.

A public meeting regarding the official plan will be held tentatively in the Royal Canadian Legion on Feb. 22 or perhaps on March 1.

Cleaner arena

Council has agreed to purchase a scrubber, a cleaning machine from Swish, for \$4,285 for the arena and community centre.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis suggested the cost of renting a machine was too high in comparison to the purchase price.

After a discussion about the various quotes available it was decided that this was the council's best option for a versatile machine that could be used in various parts of the complex.

New treasurer

Due to requirements under the new Municipal Act, Dysart has hired a new treasurer - Fay Brown.

Brown is the former deputy clerk of Laxton, Digby and Longford - now part of the City of Kawartha Lakes. CAO Tammy McKelvey was the former treasurer of Dysart but the legislation requires a separation of duties so her role has been redefined.



DARREN LUM/Echo

One of those winters

As drivers and snowplow road crews know, we've only had two days without snow in the Highlands this January. On Saturday, there were 42 cm on the ground, almost twice as much as the same time last year.

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HCSA happy to work with Dogsled Derby

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all who made the second annual Haliburton Dogsled Derby a huge success. Despite the cold temperatures, mushers from all over Eastern Canada and U.S. had nothing but warm and fuzzies about Haliburton. The same went for the many spectators.

However, one local snowmobiler was so inconvenienced by having to detour his machine around the event on Head Lake that he felt compelled to write a letter to the editor in last week's *Echo*, proclaiming his right to ride wherever he wants, because he bought an HCSA trail pass. Watch out for him at our next Midnight Madness in Haliburton when Highland St. is closed. After all, I'm sure he has a car with a licence plate, and nobody's going to tell him where he can or can't drive. Oh yeah, and watch out for his boat on Head Lake during the water-ski competition next summer.

The HCSA was proud to be able to work with the Dogsled Derby Committee this year, and they can count on our full support again next year, including the use of exactly the same municipally-owned property as this year.

Ken McPhail
HCSA Dogsled Committee

Information is needed to make informed

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the tough questions and report the facts in an unbiased manner to the people of Haliburton. We don't need sugar-coated cute stories that push someone's divine right to rule because of their lineage. We would like to know their stance on current provincial and local issues so that we can make an educated choice based on these issues.

Stephen J. Woof,
West Guilford

Tory government's record on health care should give Laurie Scott pause

To the Editor:

Re: Laurie Scott is seeking nomination for provincial PC party in H-V-B

Although I spend much of my time in Toronto, I grew up in Lindsay and my hometown holds a special place in my heart. I also enjoy my family cottage in Haliburton County. My future plan is to come home to live and to be closer to my family and friends. I am very interested in the future of my home riding.

I noticed that Laurie Scott is seeking the nomination for the provincial Progressive Conservative party in our riding. I wish her well, but I am confused about her motive. Is Ms Scott not currently or formerly a registered nurse? How can any registered nurse possibly wish to represent the current provincial government?

Just ask any nurse how he or she feels about the Tory government's treatment of nurses over the last seven years. You'll be told that because of the Conservative government's obsession with corporate and personal tax cuts, we have a critical nursing shortage in our riding and across Ontario that is seriously affecting our

care and well-being.

Is it not the Tory government that is forcing many nurses to actually move out of our province? Haliburton-Victoria-Brock is already faced with a shortage of nurses and doctors and we cannot afford to continue in a downward spiral. Shouldn't an MPP be involved with a party where his or her own convictions are in line with that party? How can we expect to attract doctors and nurses to this area if the MPP is a member of the government that has deliberately created these problems?

Nurses seem to support universal, publicly-administered health care. However, Premier Ernie Eves has publicly stated that he wants to create a two-tier system and for-profit delivery of health care in Ontario. His government is already moving ahead with privatizing MRI clinics and selling our hospitals to the private sector.

I hope someone can explain this to me.

Peter R. Morgan
Lindsay

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Will I lose about twenty pounds
Will I get back my looks?
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Will we have to go to war?
O God, after the agony of the last conflict

I've prayed there'd be war no more.
And when there is our own hometown
Will it at last be smoke-free?
And all of us folks who have breathing problems
Will be able to breathe naturally?
Well, I hope my prayers will be answered
That smokers will butt out, give us a rest
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Ev. Stata

Ev Stata is a resident of Parklane Apartments in Haliburton. For her 80th birthday she published 80 of her favourite poems which she is selling in book form.

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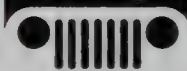
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Special to the Echo

On December 14, 13 eager birders spent the day searching for birds within the 15-mile diameter count circle in the Minden area. Aided by 39 equally keen folks who reported birds seen at their feeders and nearby, the group managed to locate a record 48 species.

As expected, most birds were not at feeders, but were taking advantage of the abundance of wild fruit and seeds available elsewhere. Most of Gull Lake was open, but other lakes were frozen, concentrating most waterfowl on Gull Lake and Gull River.

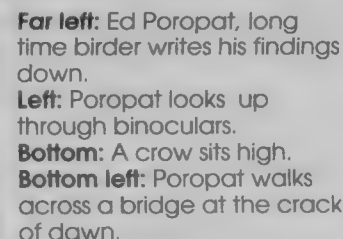
A greater scaup at Sandy Bay was new for the count. This is the 16th species of duck for the Minden Count, which ranks at or near the top of the list among Ontario counts away from the Great Lakes. Eight common loons, all on Gull Lake, was the second highest count ever, second only to Kingston among Ontario counts this year. The 86 black ducks was also a record high. Three bald eagles, all adults, tied the high for this species. A golden eagle was reported at the dump near Irondale, the second year in a row

that both species of eagles have been found.

Also new for the count was a yellow-rumped warbler visiting Yvonne Teevens' feeder on the Gelert West Line. This brings to 94, the number of kinds of birds seen in the 36 years since the count began in 1967. Of those, 30 species are associated with open water, indicating how important Haliburton County's waterways are to the count's success.

Also found in record numbers were wild turkey (18), pileated woodpecker (15), brown creeper (16), European starling (280) and dark-eyed junco (160). A single evening grosbeak was the lowest number ever, and there were no pine grosbeaks.

Winter finches found in numbers this winter so far are white-winged crossbills, purple finches and goldfinches. The best place to see them is along less-travelled side roads where sand has been spread after a snowstorm. Since birds have no teeth, they gather here to swallow bits of gravel which collect in their gizzards. The muscular walls of their gizzards contract and relax causing the food they eat to be ground to a fine paste between the pieces of gravel.



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Great Blue Heron CW
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American Black Duck 86
Mallard 213
Greater Scaup 1.
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Hooded Merganser 10
Common Merganser 31
Red-Breasted Merg.1
Bald Eagle 3
Ad Sharp-Shinned Hawk 1
Northern Goshawk CW
Red-Tailed Hawk 1

Golden Eagle 1
Ruffed Grouse 25
Wild Turkey *18
Herring Gull 1
Rock Dove 114
Mourning Dove 135
Barred owl CW
Belted Kingfisher 2
Downy Woodpecker 51
Hairy Woodpecker 77
Pileated Woodpecker 15
Northern Shrike 2
Gray Jay 10
Blue Jay 667

American Crow 54
Common Raven 176
Black Capped Chickadee 1112
Red-Br. Nuthatch 78
White-Br. Nuthatch 54
Brown Creeper 16
G.-Crowned Kinglet 38.
American Robin 1
European Starling 280
Yellow Rumped Warbler 1
Am. Tree Sparrow 234
Wh.-Throated Sparrow 1
Dark-Eyed (S.C.) Junco 160
Snow Bunting 98

Red-Winged Blackbird*1
Common Grackle 1
Purple Finch 101
Red Crossbill 1.
W.-Winged Crossbill 35
Pine Siskin 2
America Goldfinch 321
Evening Grosbeak 1
House Sparrow 24

CW indicates birds seen at some time during the three days before and the three days after December 14.

New name, new purpose

Volunteer Group will be known as Environment Haliburton or EH!

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Their name will be on everyone's lips, intentionally or not, as a new group called EH! works towards providing a new voice for environmental causes in the county.

Former members of the County Advisory Committee for the Environment, known as CACE, decided to stick together after a break down in communications with county council led to the council passing a motion to redefine the committee's terms of reference. Their new group will be known as Environment Haliburton!

Heather Ross, EH! chairperson, helped lead a strategic planning session last Saturday so the group could chart its way through what type of issues they want to tackle and how. At the end of the day, she says, CACE used to deal with the whole gamut of environmental issues in the county. The issues have not changed but they will be able, as a non-governmental group, to move faster to address those issues.

Top of the new group's to-do list is to proceed with incorporation and create a logo so people in the community will become familiar with who and what this up-beat group is. The new acronym may help. Several ideas were tossed around such as H.E.N., Haliburton Environmental Network, raising the image of a group of clucking hens trying to protect their nest.

With the simple and catchy name settled, the group established their motto, "a voice for the environment" and the following mandate: "EH! will take on a comprehensive view of environmental issues and provide a strong voice to encourage positive initiatives and oppose any that could have an adverse affect on the environment. We want to



Heather Ross, chair person of the new Environment Haliburton or EH! group talks about what the issues will be for the next meeting on February 15, with Stephen Foster, committee member looking on.

encourage and work with existing organizations that have an interest in specific environmental subjects, forests, wetlands, head waters, trails, recreation and lake associations."

Ross says they believe there is a need for an umbrella type of organization to provide education, research and communication services to the community and to existing groups. She says the members of EH! are a diverse group of highly skilled individuals consisting of a lawyer, biologist, doctor, planner,

forester, waste management consultant and the list goes on.

"I always amazed at the number of PhDs walking around in the Highlands. We have a very skilled and talented group here and we will be able to do things," says Ross.

Cathy Olliffe, new communications coordinator, says one of the big issues that they are looking at is wetland management and preservation. She says they are looking forward to working with groups such as Ducks

Unlimited and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. She explained their purpose is not to chase grants, as these organizations do but be able to work on concerns about the local environment and to ensure those concerns are heard by governing bodies.

The group dispersed after a long day with an enthusiastic outlook for the future. They will be advertising the public meeting times and places and information regarding their initiatives.

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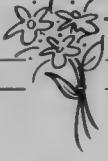
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Highlands East council briefs

Uranium problematic

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the January 14 Highlands East council meeting.

Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, as well as Bruce Hancock, District Manager and Chandru Ramchandani, District Engineer, of the Peterborough office of the Ministry of the Environment attended council to discuss the implications of the uranium test results for the Wilberforce well.

Repeated tests have confirmed that the Wilberforce well water contains between 27 and 28 parts per billion (ppb) uranium. These levels exceed the federal drinking water standards of 20 ppb which were newly adopted by the province in July of 2002. Prior to that time the provincial standards tolerated a higher level of uranium, and the well water had met these requirements.

Hancock indicated that the municipality had asked for an extension to June of 2003 to complete evaluations on the well which he was optimistic would be granted. Because the uranium levels did now exceed provincial standards, however, he felt it was necessary to discuss what, if any, implications an extension might have for the health and safety of residents using the water over the interim period.

Dr. Hukowich indicated that his concerns were not related to issues of health and safety. In his opinion, "anyone using this water supply is at no greater risk than they were six months ago."

The standard has been made more stringent, he explained, to increase the safety factor, and not because the old level was dangerous. There is a 100-fold safety factor built into the federal standard, he noted. "A 20 kg child would have to drink 20 litres a day, over a lifetime (with quantities adjusted upward according to weight) before there would be any concerns."

Since, however, there seems to be no quick answer to the problem of reducing the uranium levels in the water, he was concerned that the public be notified.

"It's time to tell the people, accurately, what we know," Hukowich said.

He also pointed out that the Wilberforce well water results probably

reflect the general situation within the municipality. "Any ground water in this area is likely not to meet the standard," he added. Reiterating that he, himself, had no serious concerns about the levels of uranium in the Wilberforce well, he added that it was important that people be aware of the situation and to understand that if they themselves remain concerned they should contact their health unit for further information.

"It's naturally occurring," Hancock concurred. He added that he would like to see the extension predicated on formal notification of residents currently using the well water.

Reeve Keith Tallman indicated that notices has been sent out regarding the well and that there had been no response from affected residents. Plans were made to organize a public information session in the near future.

Trail Development

Trails and Tours Network representatives Barrie Martin and Brian Menton approached council with the good news that as a result of their recently successful bid to secure major funding (\$466,000 from OSTAR plus matching funds and \$307,000 from Ontario Living Legacy for trail development) they expected to be able to put \$50 - \$75,000 (and hopefully more) into trail development over the next year.

They need a local committee with which to work on establishing trails.

One of the projects underway to help match the OSTAR funding is an "Adopt-a-Metre" initiative and their most urgent requirement was a candidate trail. A resolution passed designating the Monmouth section of the IB&O railbed, which is still publicly owned, as a Trails and Tours "rail trail" and placing it under the "adopt-a-metre" program.

Dark Lake Road Closure

Recent inquiries by council have confirmed that interested property owners must obtain a new survey before the proposed closure of a portion of Dark Lake Road to vehicular traffic can proceed.

Ward Reports

Bicroft Councillor Bill Howe indicated that the outdoor rink in the town of Bicroft was getting lots of use, and the Fire Department, with the help of Glen Covert, was doing a great job keeping the snow cleared.

Smoke-free bonspiel topped off with delicious dinner

A very successful bonspiel was held at the Wilberforce Curling Club last Friday evening and all day Saturday. This annual Smoke Free Spiel involved ten teams, with each team playing three six-end games.

Convenors Melanie Lewis and Kathy Rogers are pleased to announce the following placement of winners.

In first place was a Minden team, with Skip Erskine Flook, 3rd Gail Grainger, 2nd Todd Grainger and lead Gail Flook. In second place a Wilberforce team of Skip Joe Burton, 3rd Dave Burton, 2nd Sally Stirling and lead James French. In third place was the team of Jack Cox, skip, Al Sheridan, Jean McBain and Linda Sheridan.

Other teams included Murray Cooper team in 4th place and the Blaine Lewis team in 5th place. Honorable mention goes to Craig McDonald's IGA team, which was constantly changing players, depending on which staff members were not at work at the store.

The fun that team had made up for losses they experienced. At the end of the bonspiel everyone enjoyed dinner together. The work of the convenors and other volunteers and the involvement of the players is much appreciated by the club.

Many thanks to all prize donors. Funds raised at this and other bonspiels will be very welcome as the club pays for the extensive repairs made to the ice making machinery.

It's good to see so many snowmobilers enjoying the wintry trails and to see them patronizing local restaurants and gas stations.

There has been a change of staff at the Wilberforce School. The newsletter indicates that Ms. Merri Cunningham will be teaching the grade six class for the remainder of the school year.

The next School Council Meeting is at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the school. I believe the public is welcome to attend these meetings. Without gym facilities at the school it is good

to learn that the students will be skating at the arena each Friday until March Break, and that the older children will have some curling lessons. The hall at the Lloyd Watson Centre is also used for some physical education-as well as the fine exercise walking to these locations from the school.

The memorial service for the late Lloyd Barnes will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. Doors will be open at 12 noon.

A mixed bonspiel is being played at the Wilberforce Curling Club on Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25.

The Robbie Burns dinner presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624, Wilberforce is on this Saturday evening. It's always a good meal, traditionally Scottish with hags and all followed by entertainment. An this is right on the old bard's birthday January 25. Call the Legion for details.

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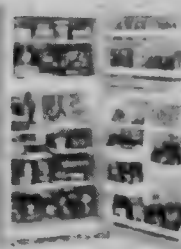
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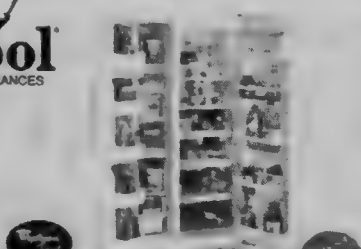
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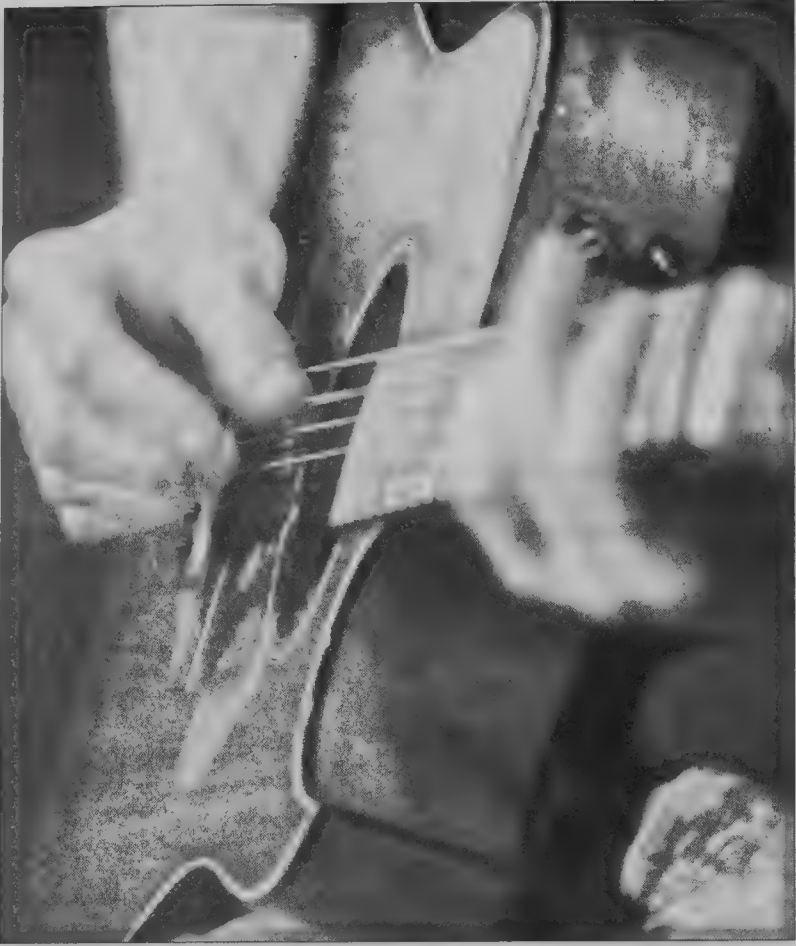


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Snowarama at Haliburton Forest Jan. 25



The dynamic presentation of "Letters I Didn't Send," created by the father/daughter duo of Dave and Nicole Fougere, thrilled audiences with its creative inspiration. Above is guitarist Eric Litman; at right are dancers Tim Spronk and Nicole Fougere

Performance a vibrant addition to Pavilion's offerings

Review by **KERRY RILEY**
Photos by **DARREN LUM**

The moment percussionist Zephie James' agile fingers sent the first welcoming drum sounds vibrating through the air last Friday night at the Northern Lights Pavilion, a latent conviction that "Letters I Didn't Send" would be something out of the ordinary, something different, unique, worth talking about, in fact a genuine, avant garde arts "happening," crystalized into an excited sense of shared adventure for the audience.

Billed as an evening of dance, storytelling and original music, the presentation had been the focus of significant interest and curiosity. Father and daughter team singer/songwriter Dave and dancer/choreographer Nicole Fougere, with guests artists dancer Tim Spronk, and percussionist Zephie James, and

band members Laurel McCauley, Ian Pay, Stan Russell and Eric Litman, did not disappoint.

The opening musical number, "Letters from Africa," performed by Dave and the band, with Dave's trademark lush and intricate harmonic style, set an appropriately warm and intimate tone for what was to follow, introducing the threads of nostalgia, regret, time lost and found, and forgiveness which would continue to combine, recombine, and reverberate in interesting and provocative configurations throughout the evening.

Tiny, and almost waif-like in person, Ms. Fougere is a formidable presence on stage. A performance artist, dancer, choreographer and arts educator based in Toronto, with an impressive resume, it was her narrative piece exploring the origins, strengths, and frailties of human connection, "Broken Bridge," which was

most representative of the evening.

Reinforcing, in this case, a naturalistic storytelling style with an enviable dance and performance technique, she told a gently humorous; yet riveting tale of connections made, lost and found again, which was at once intimately personal and universal.

The challenge of this collaboration was to find ways for father and daughter to blend their disparate arts and styles, to find points of convergence for the coffee-house folk artist and the abstraction of modern dance. This piece, with its narrative firmly rooted in the details of the everyday, magnified by the technical magic of a mature and confident performance artist, created an effective bridge between the two artists and their work.

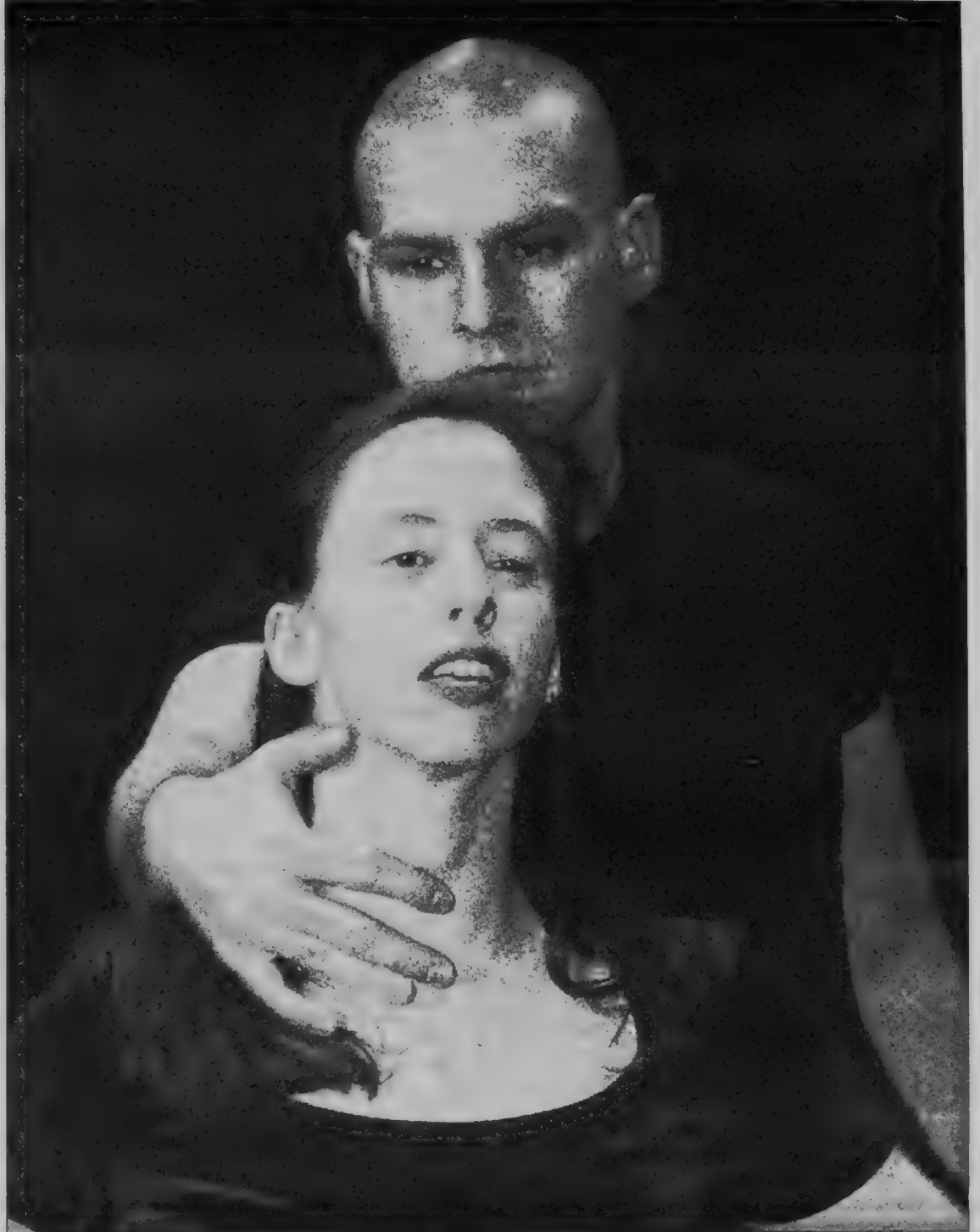
Dave's own considerable storytelling talents were on display in his recounting of a very Toronto moment — his brush

with "God" while debuting as a busker.

Other highlights included the narrative dance piece by Nicole, "Forgiving the Unsaid." More overtly dance-oriented than "Broken Bridge," this fable-like tale of unheeded wisdom, and the necessary but precarious equilibrium which must be established between regret and forgiveness, reached its dramatic climax as Nicole, utilizing some mysterious trick of her trade, appeared to almost float upstage, a large tree limb balanced on her head. This effect, coupled with her remarkable ability to physically transform herself onstage (into, for example, an aged woman and back again) imbued the entire performance with a powerful, illusory quality.

"Play Me," a modern dance duet performed by Nicole and guest artist Tim Spronk, saw, at one point, the dancers

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"Letters" pushes the envelope

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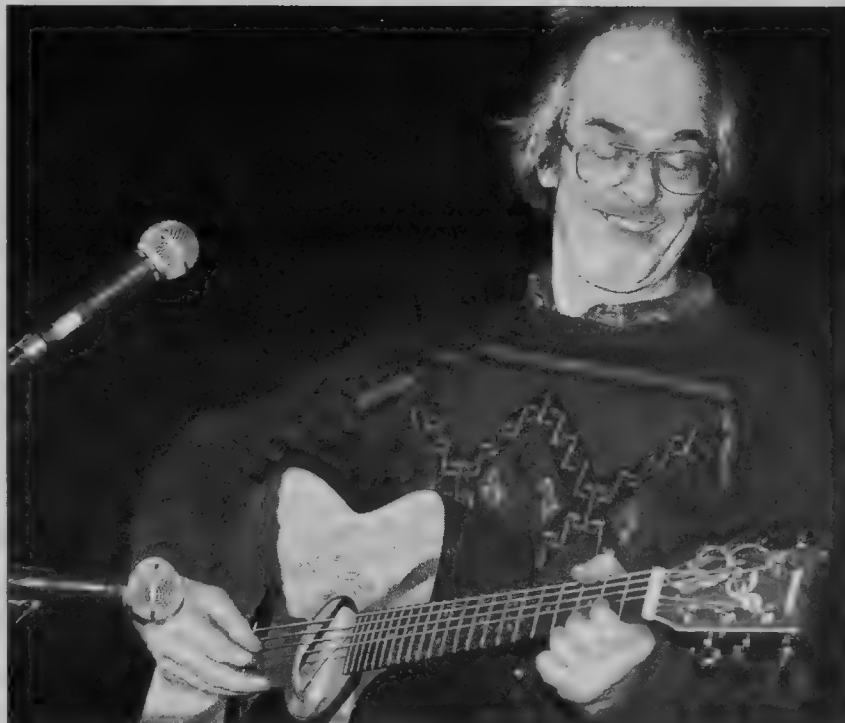
taking turns stepping with their full weight on the other's crouched back – providing a powerful and startling visual portrait of the close association between trust and the potential for pain.

Zephie James' intricate drum work was a continuous highlight, and lead guitarist Eric Litman provided some notably fine playing. For those accustomed to hearing Dave perform accompanied only by his own guitar work, the "string section," Stan Russell on cello and Ian Pay on bass, coupled with Laurel McCauley's delicate vocal harmonies revealed the depths of the compositions – which were amplified, rather than diminished by the orchestration.

At first glance, folk-oriented guitar and vocal music and modern dance might seem an unlikely partnership and, in many cases, no doubt would be. There is, however, in much of Dave's music an underlying quality which can be described as just slightly otherworldly (due partly, perhaps, to his penchant for unusual tunings) which proved surprisingly sympathetic to the needs of modern dance.

This synergism was evident in "Half a Harmony," a song/dance duet performed by Dave and Nicole, and most particularly in the memorable closing number "Oceans of Light," in which the hypnotic rhythms of the music, and the fluid improvisational dancing of both Nicole and Tim Spronk, combined to lift the performance quite outside of time.

It was a clearly delighted and appreciative audience which stood to present the performers with a heartfelt ovation. That ovation was well deserved, not only because of the calibre of the performances, but also because of the courage it took for a small group to bring a show of this nature, an unapologetic, push-the-envelope art happening to the Pavilion, and to make it work. Reports indicate that the near sell-out Saturday night performance was a success as well, and I like to think that perhaps it marked a pivotal moment in the evolution of our theatre, and the Highlands' performing arts scene in general – the point at which the possibility of adding a vibrant alternative arts agenda to the Pavilion's growing roster of offerings began to seem credible. Kudos to all involved!



These photos, taken at the dress rehearsal for "Letters I Didn't Send" at the Northern Lights Pavilion show Tom Spronk and Nicole Fougere, above, singer/songwriter Dave Fougere at far left, and harmonist Laurel McCauley at left.



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Auxiliary which supports our branch year in and year out. Others prepare and serve breakfast on Sundays and clean up afterwards, some decorate our Legion for special events such as Christmas and

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New Year's then take them all down and put them away for another year. Others replace light bulbs or fix tables and chairs, print signs, sell tickets and our Legion calendars. They work the bingo upstairs on Wednesday evening or at the Friday meat roll and calendar draw. Others make and donate articles to raffle at the branch, some who can even donate money; others donate time - lots and lots of time.

You are the people that keep our Legion running day to day. You all know who you are and you can be very proud

of yourselves indeed. You are all needed and wanted. As the old saying goes, many hands make for light work.

If you find that you have some spare time on your hands, please, by all means, come on out and give us a helping hand any time and have some very rewarding fun at the same time. You do not have to be a Legion member to volunteer your time but it is a very good way to learn about the Legion, what we stand for, how we help and support our veterans. You would also learn how we support and help in our community all year, year after year.

2003 will hold many new horizons for us all and with it comes our new membership drive. Come on out and have a visit, see for yourself and I am sure you would agree that the Legion has a great deal to offer anyone interested in joining our local community-minded organization. We need you and want you. See you at the branch.

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Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial P.C. Association

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Date: Saturday, February 15, 2003

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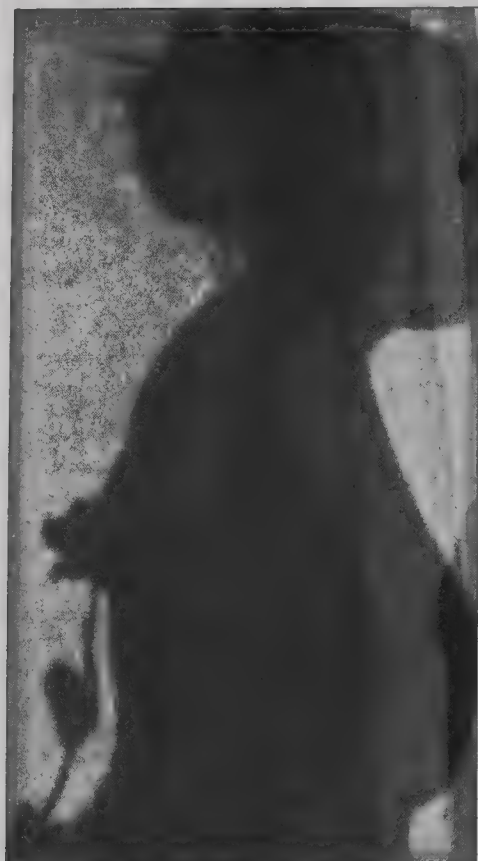


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A similar meeting will
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Wilberforce children represent, speak strongly at Zone F-5

We are very proud of all the young people from Wilberforce Elementary School who entered the Remembrance Day poster, essay and poem contests. Judging was very difficult as so much work had gone into all the entries.

Congratulation goes out to Katie Montgomery who placed 3rd, in the Colour Poster contest at the Zone F-5 finals in Peterborough and to Megan McCrae who placed 3rd in the Zone F-5 Literary contest finals. Big congratulations to these two fine

young people. Zone F-5 Public Speaking contest finals will be held on Saturday, 29th March 2003 in Lakefield.

January 18th - The Pat & Phyllis Gallen Trout Derby was a great success again this year. We had 89 anglers. Three out of 89 of the fishermen really enjoyed themselves. Thanks and special recognition to all who were environmentally friendly to Farquhar Lake. They gave up hours of relaxing fishing to pull two old guys and all their paraphernalia out of the Lake. My fishing

buddy Roy and I thank Craig Meharrie, Don Townsend, Dave Logan, Dave Golway, Dana Pacey, Dave Mack, Shawn Jo Hanson, Mike Bryans, Kevin Blair and the two people from the nearby cottage and all the others who saved our hides. A special thanks goes to Nikki Kallou for the loan of your knickers and Elaine Townsend for moral support and her snowmobile suit and boots.

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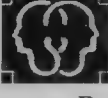
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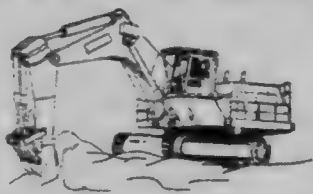
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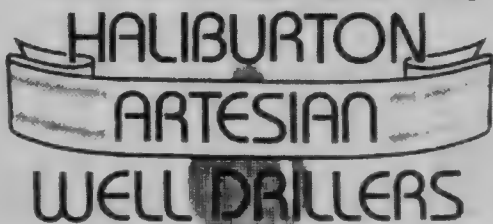
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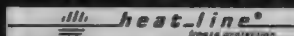
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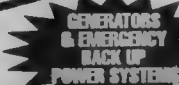
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County of Haliburton RAIL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

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An information package containing details of the project is available to interested firms after 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2003. Firms wishing to receive this information package may contact Mrs. Shirley Kirk at (705) 286-1762.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposal or the Rail Corridor may be directed to Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T., Engineering Services Manager via telephone (705) 286-1762, fax (705) 286-4881, e-mail rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Proposals must be sent to the attention of Mr. Jim Blake, Chairman of the Haliburton County Rail Trail Committee, c/o The County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2003.

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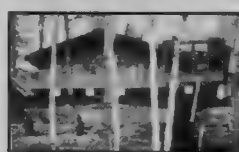
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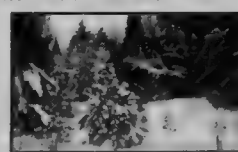
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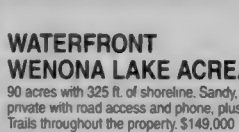
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Region	Contact	Region	Contact
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County of Haliburton

Class Environmental Assessment Replacement of the Twin Multiplate Culverts on County Road 503 at Gooderham

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The County of Haliburton has identified the need to replace the existing twin multiplate steel culverts located on County Road 503 (approximately 300 metres west of the intersection of County Road 507 and 503 at Gooderham) to address structural deficiencies.

The project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T.
Engineering Services Manager
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Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until February 14, 2003. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed by the fall of 2003.

This Notice issued January 10, 2003

Municipality of Highlands East
NOTICE
(Applicants —
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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of February 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 (Part 7 being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East) on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by H. Curry Bishop, O.L.S., dated February 12, 2002.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East (Wilberforce), Ontario this 31st day of December, 2002.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A NEW OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al will hold a Public Meeting to review and discuss the proposed Official Plan for the Municipality. The purpose of the public meeting will be to provide all ratepayers with the opportunity to review the background information, mapping and proposed Official Plan for the Municipality of Dysart et al and to make further public comment. Council will consider all public comments before adopting the Plan.

- DATE: Saturday, February 22nd, 2003.
- TIME: 10:30 a.m.
- LOCATION: Royal Canadian Legion, Mountain Street, Haliburton, Ontario.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN: Once adopted by Council and approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing the proposed Official Plan will replace the existing Official Plan. The Official Plan is the key policy document that guides all municipal decisions on land use. Clear and thoughtful land use policies will protect our natural environment; support and encourage a sound healthy local economy; and guide sustainable resource use and development. The proposed Official Plan will apply to all lands within the Municipality of Dysart et al.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan you must make a written request to the Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed Official Plan does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed Official Plan is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including how you can receive a copy of the proposed Official Plan is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2003.

Patricia Martin
Township Planner

community calendar

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- Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club meets every Thursday, 12 noon, for a weekly luncheon at the Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
- Haliburton County Home Support has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Mamma Mia. Haliburton County Home Support is considering another trip to the wonderful musical, Mamma Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the Third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Climax Climbing Club - every Tuesday evening at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 - 8 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- Every Monday: 9:30 - 12:00. Ongoing free ESL (English as a second language) classes and tutoring. Call Haliburton Highlands Learning Program at 457-3430. Ask for Jane.
- Volunteers needed for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- Ontario Breast Screening Program - for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Adult Badminton: now until May 2003 - Archie Stouffer Public School. Monday 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. For more info call Lois 286-1765.
- Hand Drumming Instruction with Terry Cowen, Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 at YWCA. A drum is not necessary. For info call Erin at 754-4618. Everyone is welcome.
- Scottish Country Dancers meet at J.D. Hodgson School, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Phone 286-1218 or 447-2509 for more information.
- Starting Jan. 9, 2003: 8-week stroke education program offered by the Rehabilitation Dept. at the Ross Memorial Hospital. The program is for stroke survivors and their families and runs every Thursday starting Jan. 9. No cost. For more info. call the hospital, 324-6111, ext. 4452 between 8:30 - 2:30, Mon. - Fri.
- Now to May 31, 2003: Are you an early riser who likes to have a morning constitutional - but hates walking outside in the snow and cold? The Heart and Stroke Foundation welcomes you to join them on morning walks through the halls at Archie Stouffer Elementary School from 7:30 to 8:15 and at the Haliburton Highland Secondary school in Haliburton from 7:15 to 8:15. It's free. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079 or Al Gostock at 457-3362 or Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalfe at 457-3756. Be wise - exercise!
- Jan. 23: Dorset Recreation Centre is holding Jr. Volleyball at 5:30; Adult Volleyball at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25: Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums present Robbie Burns Night, 7:30 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton. pipes and drums, Scottish Country Dancers, Highland Dancers, music by D.J., piping in and address to the Haggis, buffet dinner with Haggis. Tickets in advance or at the door.
- Jan. 30: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton, meets at Hyland Crest, Minden, Meeting Classroom, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at 457-8335 for more info.
- Jan. 30: Haliburton Highland Twirlers will host a square dance open house at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Haliburton Arena.
- Jan. 30: "Daffodils" Cancer Support Group, Haliburton United Church, 2 p.m. Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contact please are Jean Casey, 457-1010 and Helen Cox, 286-2224.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.



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LJ'S FASHIONS WINTER CLEARANCE SALE, Highland St., Haliburton. Everything reduced 30 - 70%. Housecoats, reg. \$49.99, now \$25; sweaters, 50% off; jeans, 40% off; sale racks, \$9.99 and up; EzeWear summer, 50% off; EzeWear winter, 30% off; coats, vests and fleec, 50% off. Stock up for next winter! Final Sale - No Returns.

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WANTED: OLDER JEEP, military or CJ. Phone 457-1311.

130 LOST & FOUND

LOST DOG - Husky, black and white. Ran away from the office of North Steel. Brown eyes, 1-year-old, friendly, playful, answers to Rocco. No collar. Missing since Dec. 20. Please call 286-6127 or 286-1625.

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150 COMMERCIAL SPACE

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT - 1,200 sq. ft. Excellent parking, Upper east corner of Halco Plaza. Call 457-3166, 457-3684 after 6:00 p.m.

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RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT - Available February 1, 2003. Highland St. 1,200 sq. ft. +. Suitable for Retail or Office. Contact Michael Easton B(457-1574) F(457-1578).

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160 FOR RENT

2 BDRM. WINTERIZED COTTAGE for rent, January - May, Halls Lake. (monthly, weekly or weekends). Call 489-2050.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT - in village of West Guilford, walk to store and beach, 1,150 sq. ft., 4 pc. bath, ground floor, large yard, \$675/month utilities included. Call 457-2535.

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2 PROFESSIONAL, MATURE individuals seek 2 bedroom house in the Haliburton Village area. Rent for indefinite period of time. No children. References available on request. 457-1037 days.

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of Haliburton County welcomes parent and grandparent participation
The next meeting is
January 29 at 1:00 p.m.
at C.H.A.C.E., Haliburton
Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month
For more information,
call Stephanie at
(705) 457-2989

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290 COMING EVENTS

KARAOKE
Friday nights
at
The Rockcliff Tavern
Minden

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THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TWIRLERS
will start a
BASIC SQUARE DANCE COURSE

on Wed., February 5
This will run for 10 weeks
at \$80/couple
For more information,
attend our
Open House/Registration
on Thursday, January 30
at 7:30 p.m.
upstairs in the Haliburton Arena
Or call Glen/Heather
at 457-2983

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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION GARDENERS! Certified organic seeds for the 2003 gardening season now in stock at Marty's Health Foods, Main St., Haliburton, 457-3216.

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WAY TO GO KATHY CAREY! Haliburton Dance Arts would like to congratulate Kathy Carey who, after months of hard work, sacrifice and dedication, is now a Certified Personal Trainer! Kathy is now working on her Pilates Certification so watch for more details! We are so proud of you!

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WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Saturday, January 25, 2003
10:00 a.m.

Sale to be held at the Faraday Community Centre.
From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S
approx. 8 kms. to
Lower Faraday Road.
(Beside Bow Lake Variety)

Sale to consist of furniture, household goods, antiques, collectibles, tools & miscellaneous items. Many more items too numerous to mention. Payment by cash, Visa, Interac, MC and cheque with 2 p.c.s. I.D. Lunch available. Auctioneer not responsible for lost or stolen items. **White's Auction Service**, Oscar White - Auctioneer. Phone (613) 339-2350, Fax: (613) 339-1572. E-mail: whites.auction@sympatico.ca. Website: www.auctionsfind.com/white

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARY ANN PAULINE BELL

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARY ANN PAULINE BELL, late, of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 6th day of January, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of February 2003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 10th day of January 2003. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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440 THANK YOU

HAMPER COMMITTEE SAYS "THANK YOU"

The volunteers of the Galway/Cave-ndish/Harvey Township Christmas Hamper Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the 2002 Hamper Program. Twenty-seven hampers were made up for families in our locale and distributed on Saturday, December 21. Donations of food, cash, knitted goods and even entire hampers all helped make the 2002 program a success. The generosity of our residents was overwhelming. The need was great this year. Christmas was a lot brighter for these families, including 43 children, because of the generosity of the people of Galway/Cave-ndish/Harvey Township and surrounding area. Volunteers are always needed for this project. If you want to get involved, call Sue Pepper (705-738-1393).

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RE: ACCIDENT DEC. 23/02, 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. approx. Earl and Shirley Gallagher. I was taking Shirley to Minden to get her allergy needle when, on the second corner past Pinestone Resort, a car hit us head on. We were both wearing seatbelts and the airbags went off and I believe both saved our lives and further serious injuries. I would like to advise anyone to be sure that children and elderly people should be always in the rear seats and buckled in, as the airbags hit with considerable force. I would like to thank the ambulance attendants Mark Schell and Pat Kennedy for their professionalism and care at getting us out of our car and bringing us to the Haliburton Hospital. Also, to Mark Schell and Brad Robinson who took Shirley to Peterborough for x-rays and splint. We here in Haliburton can be very proud of our hospital, doctors and nurses, both in emerg. and in hospital care. It is more like going home than to a hospital, everyone was so kind and caring. Thanks to all. I would also like to thank all our friends who called and went to see Shirley while she was in the hospital. A special thanks to the people who stopped and gave assistance and comfort to us and a nurse who stopped as well. To Senior Constable John Spence, Ontario Provincial Police who was so concerned and treated us with respect and also looked after our dog Cody. Also to the hospital auxiliary who gave Shirley a lovely Xmas gift. Thanks again to one and all - God bless. **Earl and Shirley Gallagher.**

THE FAMILY OF the late Ludwig Reiss would like to thank relatives, "the Girls" and friends for all their support, caring, kindness, phone calls, food, cards, flowers and donations, during his sudden passing. Your help and encouragement was amazing, we can never thank you enough. Special thanks to Dr. Bottum, Dr. Gammon, the staff of the Haliburton Hospital, the ambulance drivers and firemen for his care, to Dwaine and the staff of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance, to Pastor Lacey for his prayers and wonderful service and to The In House Chef for the great luncheon. Ludwig will be greatly missed by his family and friends but will always be fondly remembered. **Agnes and Margaret.**

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Sadly missed and fondly remembered by their children Sharon Poirier, Bill Parish, John Parish and their families.

460 OBITUARIES

ALLIN S. COOPER
Passed away at the Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, on Saturday, January 18, 2003.
In his 79th year.

Loving husband of Jayne (nee Gordon). Extraordinary father of John of Minden, Jean of 100 Mile House, B.C., and step-father of Ruth of Cobden, Thom Northgrave of Barrie. Father-in-law of Jane of Colborne, Bob Berke, Gary Foster. Dear friend of Diana Stringer of Michigan. Unforgettable grandfather to Bobbie-Jean, Billy-John, Melissa, Krista, Jamie, and Wyatt. Allin was active in WWII as a Wireless Air Gunner and he kept in touch through Ham Radio. He was an old-timer with "Hydro". He founded Woodcutters Supplies and was widely known for his knowledge of chainsaws. Allin was also a Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton. A Celebration in Memory of Allin's Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #636, Minden on a date and time to be announced in August of 2003. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden would be appreciated by the family and can be made through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden.

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BALDRY, ESTELLE: On Monday, January 13, 2003, at Highland Wood Center, Haliburton, Ontario, Estelle Marguerite Baldry, wife of the late Arnold Baldry (May 1986). Dear mother of Ross Baldry (Marjorie), Haliburton. Dear grandmother of Mrs. Catherine Constantino (Lou), Haliburton, Mary Jane Brennan (William) Innisfil, Ontario and James Baldry (Susan), Minden, Ontario. Great grandmother of Matthew, Jeffrey and Jonathan Brennan, Jacey, Griffen and Brady Baldry. Mrs. Baldry was predeceased by her sister Mae Crompton. Mrs. Baldry was born in Brockville, Ontario, March 28, 1909 and was the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Ross. She was an active member of St. Andrews United Church and the Diamond Group of the Church. Rested at the funeral chapel of Hetherington & Deans for service in the chapel on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 1 p.m. Interment in Fairview Cemetery. In memoriam, contributions to St. Andrews United Church would be appreciated. Friends called from 7-9 Wednesday.

EDWARD JAMES "ROGER" BRYANT
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, January 17, 2003 at the age of 55.

Beloved husband of Doris. Dear father of Rhonda and her husband Michael of West Guilford, Valerie and her husband Chris of Minden, Dwight and his fiancée Shannon of Burlington, predeceased by Robert. Loving grandfather of Paul, Tim, Benjamin and Kyle. Dear brother of Brad, Sheila and Shirley. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Monday, January 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Princess Margaret Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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LEE JAMES "JIM" CONGDON
Passed away suddenly at home in Lochlin on Wednesday, January 15, 2003
In his 64th year.

Beloved husband of Beryl (nee Stevenson). Loving father of Gloria and her husband Randy Barnum of Haliburton, Lisa and her husband André Lambier of Pontypool, Teresa and her husband Chris Portier of Bowmanville. Loving Gramps of Courtney, Kristin, Kelsey, and Shelby. Dear brother of Marie and Russell Baker, Dave and Marilyn Congdon, Rilla and Bob Davis. Sadly missed by Simms. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Thursday, January 16, 2003 from 7-9 p.m. and on Friday, January 17, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Masonic Service was held on Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, January 18, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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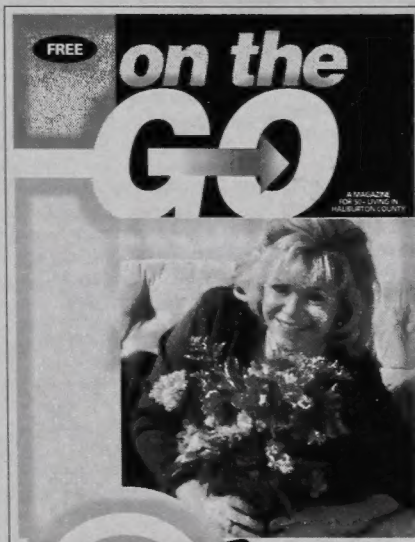
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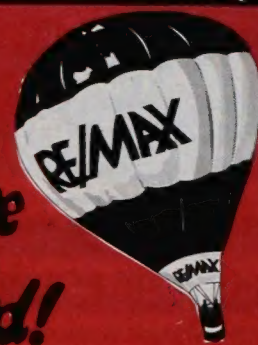
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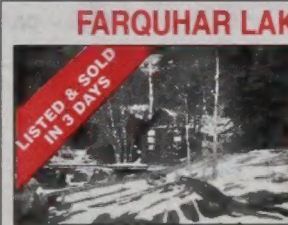
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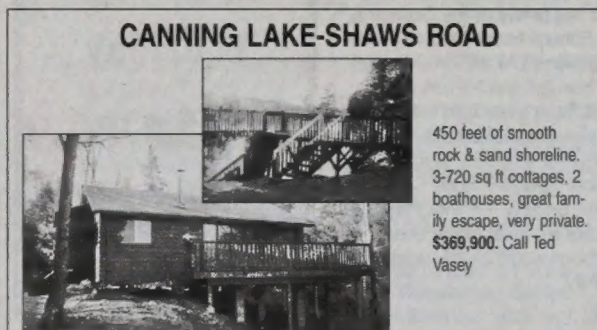
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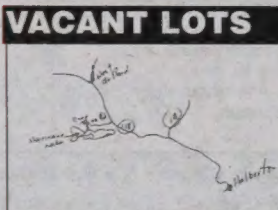
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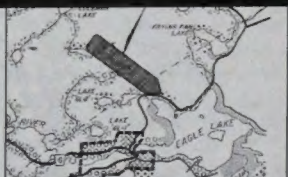
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